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SUBJECT:ECOSOC: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ENLARGEMENT OF THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. RE DRAFT RESOLUTION DATAFAXED TO DEPT, CO-SPONSORED
BY ARGENTINA AND PHILIPPINES PROPOSING THAT THE ECOSOC
DECIDE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO 43, USDEL SHOULD APPROPRIATELY ENCOURAGE
MOVES, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ARE PRESENTLY UNDERWAY, TO
PERSUADE CO-SPONSORS TO WITHDRAW DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. U.S. BASIC POSITION IS THAT EXISTING MEMBERSHIP OF
HRC AT 32 MEMBERS IS OF MAXIMUM SIZE IF HRC IS TO FUNCTION
WITH REQUISITE DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY AND DESPATCH. IN
VIEW OF INCREASING NUMBER OF CANDIDACIES FOR MEMBERSHIP
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ON THE COMMISSION, WHICH HAS BEEN THE PATTERN IN RECENT
YEARS, PRESSURES NO DOUBT WILL CONTINUE FOR ENLARGEMENT.
WE THINK THAT SUCH MOVES SHOULD BE STRONGLY OPPOSED AS
SOON AS THEY SURFACE.

3. IN ADDITION TO OUR OPPOSITION IN PRINCIPLE, DEPT
NOTES THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION ALSO CONTAINS FATAL DEFECT

OF NOT SPECIFYING HOW THE INCREASE IN NUMBERS WOULD BE
DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE FIVE REGIONAL GROUPS.

4. IF MOVES TO SECURE WITHDRAWAL OF RESOLUTION ARE
UNSUCCESSFUL, USDEL MAY SUPPORT APPROPRIATE PROCEDURAL
MOVES TO AVOID VOTE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION SUCH AS REFERRAL
OF THE DRAFT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERA-
TION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION OF
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UN
SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN
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